

REMARKS

The present application is filed as a division of co-pending application Serial No. 09/877,892 filed on June 8, 2001. The Examiner of the co-pending '892 application is Examiner Robert B. Davis of Art Unit 1772. A written Restriction Requirement was issued by the Examiner and apparatus claims 1-8 were prosecuted in the '892 application. A Notice of Allowance for the '892 application has been received.

This Preliminary Amendment cancels apparatus claims 1-8. Therefore, the pending claims in this divisional application include method claims 9-19, as originally filed for the '892 application. No new matter was added.

In addition, the specification was amended to insert a "cross reference to related application" section.

Applicants respectfully request consideration of method claims 9-19.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment for entering this Preliminary Amendment to our deposit account no. 08-3040.

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